



City of Akron, Ohio

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, MAYOR

April 24, 2007

Dear Volunteer:

Welcome to the 17th Annual National and Global Youth Service Day Recognition Program.

Allow me to personally congratulate you on being honored today and thank you for your commitment of service to our community. The volunteer hours you worked demonstrate your compassion for others and provide a vital service to the organizations with whom you partnered.

Your exceptional work, and the work of other volunteers is uplifting, and it reassures me that many young people in Akron and Summit County are dedicated to serving others and your contribution lets me know that our future is well placed in your capable hands.

The City of Akron is pleased to host National and Global Youth Service Day with its local co-sponsor, U.S. Bank. My sincerest appreciation goes to U. S. Bank Regional President Greg Ferrence and District Manager Della McCormick for their continued support.

We also recognize and thank our national partners, the United States Conference of Mayors, Youth Service America, Parade Magazine, Ford Motor Company, Disney and the 2007 presenting sponsor State Farm Companies Foundation.

The real credit goes to parents, teachers, coaches, clergy and many others in our community who are positive role models for our young volunteers. Thank you, as well, for all that you have contributed to help shape this wonderful class of youth volunteers.

This year we celebrate recognizing 99 nominees. My hope is that as this program evolves, and the recognition of your contributions becomes more widespread this will encourage other young people to give of themselves through volunteerism.

Sincerely,

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC
Mayor

2007 City of Akron National & Global Youth Service Day

Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Akron Summit County Public Library

Main Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron Ohio 44308

Welcome	Billy Soule Assistant to the Mayor for Community Relations
Invocation	Rev. Byron Arledge Director, Pastoral Counseling, Akron
Message	Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic
Sponsor Welcome	Della McCormick V. P./District Manager, U.S. Bank
Introduction of Speaker	Inda Blatch-Geib National & Global Youth Service Day Committee
Speaker	Melanie Murphy Miss Ohio 2006
Volunteer Statement	Vanessa Drone Director, P.A.T.H.
Introduction of Groups	Hollie Ashworth, Safe Landing Youth Shelter Robert Dowdell, Youth Build Director
Introduction of Individuals	Jill P. Adams Summit County Executive's Office
Awards Presentation	Della McCormick and Tina Wells, U.S. Bank Billy Soule, City of Akron
Closing Remarks	Billy Soule
Remarks and Benediction	Rev. Byron Arledge

A special thank you to the staff of the Mayor's Office, Shawanna Swartz, Gail Fielding, Linda Thompson, Laurie Hoffman, Kay Racco, and Sabrina Walton for their many hours of work. To Bruce Ford and Jim Jones of the City of Akron for their technical support. And, to David Jennings, Michael Derr and the staff of the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

Melanie Murphy

Melanie Murphy, Miss Ohio 2006, is from Brook Park Ohio. Later this year, after her reign is over, she will return to Cleveland State University to pursue a degree in Digital Media & Film Production with an emphasis on Journalism.

Melanie competed for and was crowned Miss Ohio in June of 2006 after serving as Miss Miami Valley.

Melanie's hobbies include dancing, singing, volunteering, bargain shopping and crafts.



Miss Ohio began volunteering while Miss Brook Park 2002. She sang and danced for senior citizens, taught cheerleading at the Brook Park Recreation Center, worked as a candy-striper at the local hospital and much more. It was then that Melanie found her love for giving back to the community and serving others.

As Miss Ohio, Melanie promotes her platform, The ABC's of Volunteerism: Altruism Benefits Communities. Her coloring book for children features words and pictures of different volunteer activities in hopes of motivating young people to volunteer.

"I believe that you are our future leaders! If everyone could spend only one hour a week to volunteer, our world would be a better place. Everyone feels good if you take the time to do something nice for someone else."

Melanie Murphy
Miss Ohio 2006



2007 Nominating Agencies

ACCESS

Akron General Medical Center

Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

All Star Training Club

American Diabetes Association

American Red Cross Summit County Chapter

Barberton Citizens Hospital

Battered Women's Shelter

Boys and Girls Club of Summit County

Christian Fellowship Basketball League

Community Pregnancy Center

Girl Scouts of the Western Reserve

Haven of Rest

Ohio State University Extension

Open M

Summit County Historical Society

Williard Food Pantry

Volunteer of the Year

Michael Kurtz

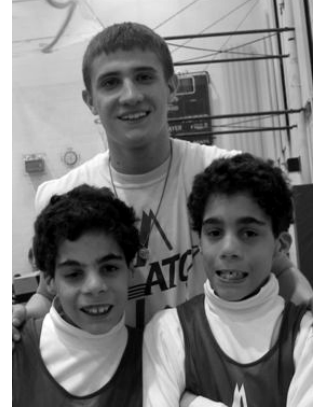
All Star Training Club

1500 hours

Michael has been an integral part of the All-Star Training Club not only this year, but for the past five years. He is also a coach, mentor, and chaperone with our Special Olympic Chapter of ATC.

Michael's work with ATC has enabled many athletes to not only improve their physical abilities, but to also increase their emotional confidence and social skills.

Michael goes above and beyond the minimal responsibilities of an ATC volunteer. Because of the nature of the population involved, it is often very challenging to see progress with our athletes. Michael Kurtz has exemplified all of the traits needed and has gone above these requirements so that many ATC athletes can share in the excitement of athletics. Michael has become the role model that I will be looking for in all of our future volunteers.



Submitted by Dan Lancianese, Executive Director
All-Star Training Club



Outstanding Volunteer

Aaron Kelley

Akron General Medical Center

165 hours

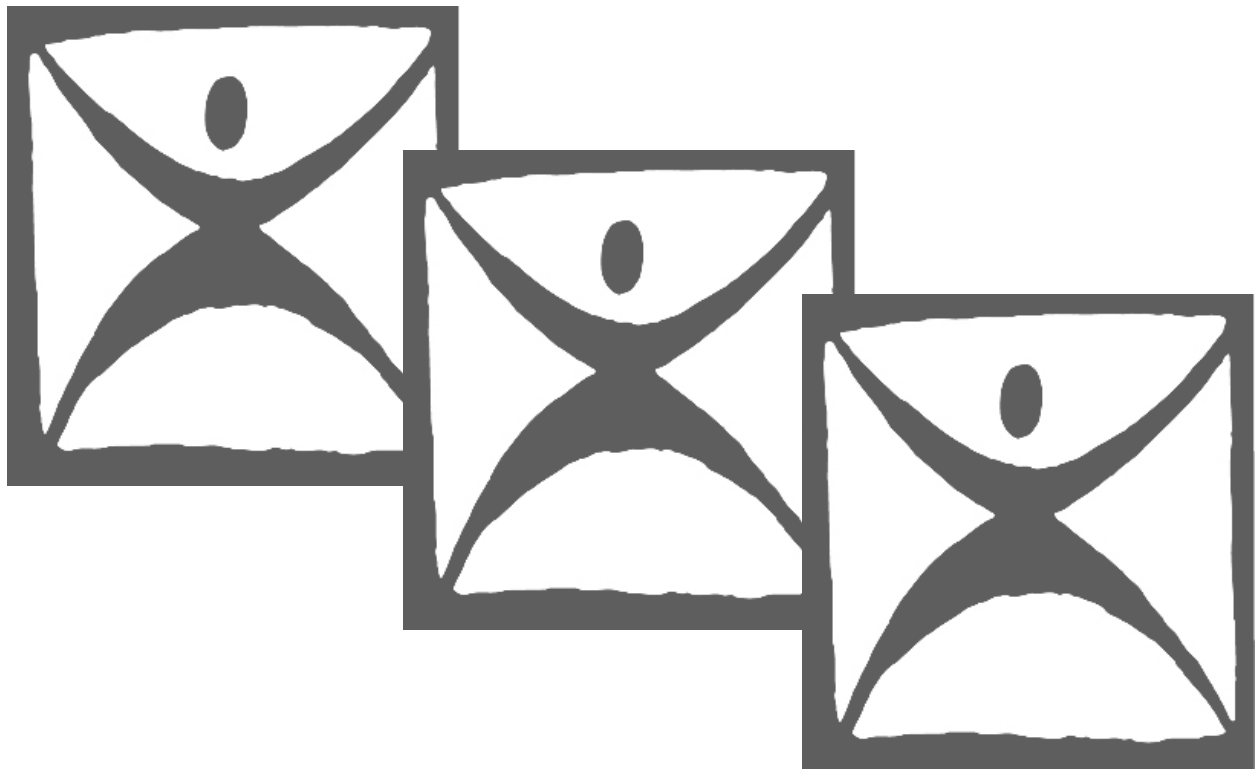
Aaron volunteers in the operating room assisting staff with transporting patients and other tasks assigned to him. He also volunteers on the Orthopedic floor and in the Transportation Department assisting with wheelchair transports. He always helps wherever he is needed and is a team player.

Aaron's support of staff with various tasks helps nurses and assistants focus on patient needs. He is friendly and compassionate to patients and helps make their hospital stay more pleasant.

Aaron has volunteered at Akron General Medical Center since 2005. He volunteers on his days off school and has proven himself a valuable volunteer.

Aaron himself has been hospitalized many times as a child and wears a brace. He believes his volunteer experience will help in his future as he pursues work in the healthcare industry.

Submitted by Christine Hinman, Director, Volunteer Services
Akron General Medical Center



Volunteer Group of the Year

All-Star Equestrians 4-H Club

Jenny Andio
Melissa Bright
Michelle Bright
Rachel Bright
Shea Browne
Emily Bunch

Tommy Campbell
Shannon Daughert
Brittany Fishel
Morgan Grimm
Amy Hartz
Lauren Havel

Michelle Khoshbin
Taylor Knowlton
Lauren Kolar
Natalie Menke
Alicia Moorehead
Stephanie Morgan

Sarah Pinter
Margaret Ann Roszkowski
Brooke Schnabel
Holly Snyder
Megan Snyder

Ohio State University Extension 960+ hours

The children of our 4-H club have been working with the first special needs 4-H club in Summit County for more than a year now. We normally meet on a weekly basis for approximately 3 hours. The older children will lead their horses with two side walkers, one on either side. At the 2006 Summit County Fair, they were able to show our club members' horses and do a demonstration for the public. Four members of our 4-H club donated their ribbons and trophies that they won at the fair so that each child could receive a 1st place trophy and blue ribbon.



Several years ago, our club adopted a miniature horse named Barney at Larry's Stables after his owner died tragically in a car accident. She loved this little pony and was very good to our 4-H members and they all loved her very much. We have been taking care of Barney, cleaning his stall and paying for his board. In April of 2006, our club held a fundraising auction. At this auction, we raised \$1100 for Katherine McVeigh. She is a young girl diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. She is a 6th grader at Lakeview Middle School in Stow. The club also had a family swimming pass donated by Leisure Time Recreation Center, tickets to Cedar Point. We are still working on yet another way to raise money for Katherine at our next auction this month. Her prognosis has gotten worse and the family is in a terrible financial position.

Our theme this year at the Summit County Fair was "4-Hers Helping 4-Her's – Changing Lives One Horse at a Time". The kids in our club say that this has taught them so much more than they ever expected. They have learned that helping others-is like helping themselves.

Submitted by Jackie Krieger,
Summit County Director & 4-H Educator



Outstanding Group

St. Paul's Youth

Eleanor Axson
Anna Burton
Griffin Cannon
Trevor Cannon
Elizabeth Cardarelli
Cassidy Colarik
Courtney Colarik

Devan Colarik
James Denholm
Cueli Droge
Martin Droge
Allison Good
Katharine Graham
Audrey Houseman

Duncan Houseman
Jonathan Kienzle
Nicholas Kienzle
Tyler McCormick
Hannah Schurr
Haley Scovell
Holly Scovell

Barry Stormer, Jr.
Alexandra Stout
Megan Svoboda
Sarah Turley
Dustin Willoughby
Mary Zavertnik
Morgan Zavertnik



Haven of Rest
352 hours

St. Paul's youth under the direction of Debra Bullock are dedicated and faithful young people who help in our food service program on the third Sunday of every month. They come in with joyful hearts, eager to serve the hungry and homeless men, women, and children. They prepare the tables in the dining room by arranging trays, condiments, desserts and beverages. As individuals file in for their hot meal, St. Paul's youth serves them with compassion and dignity. After everyone has been served and enjoyed their meal, the kids cheerfully clean and mop the area.

Submitted by Jan Pluck, Volunteer Coordinator
Haven of Rest Ministries

National Youth Service Day Breakfast sponsored by





Honorable Mention

Nathan Hurd

American Red Cross Summit County Chapter

50 hours

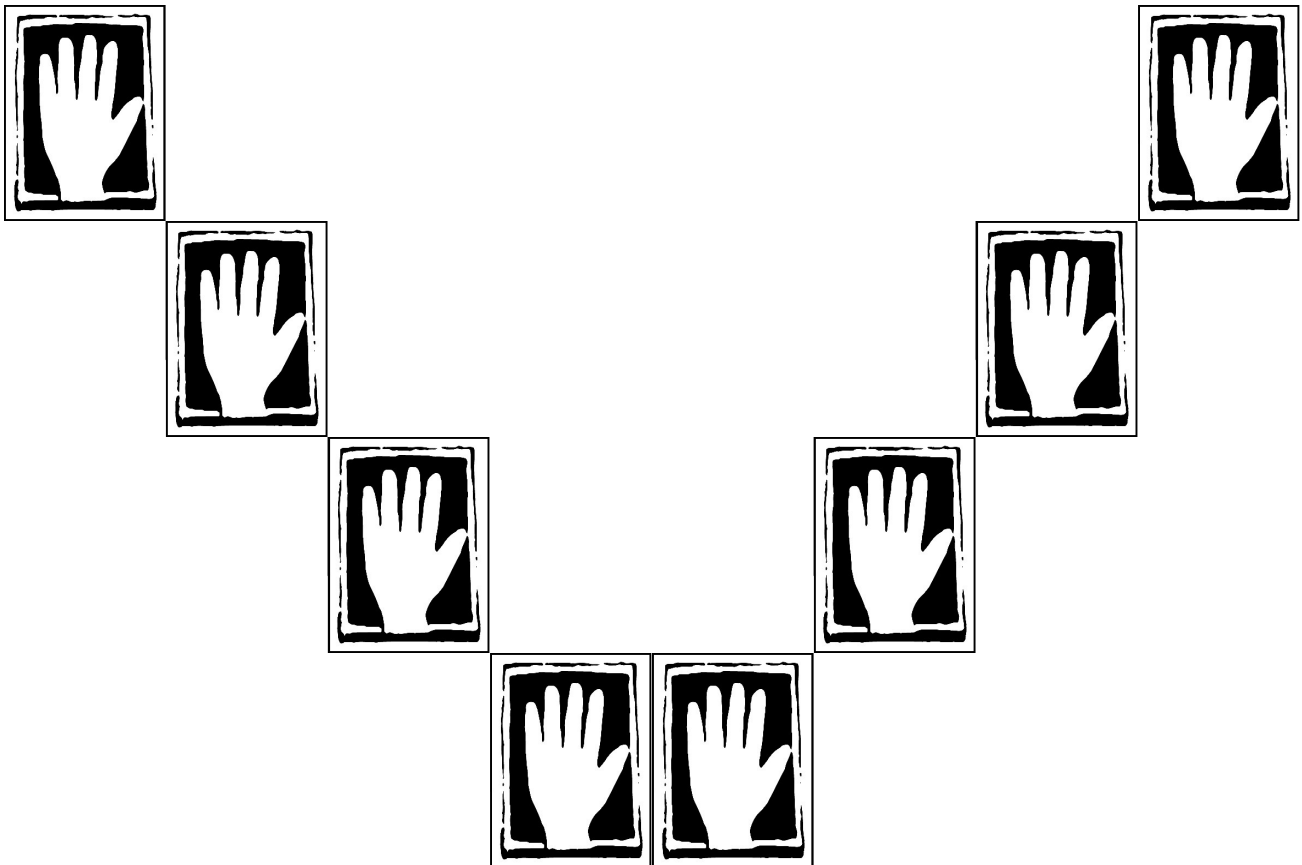
Nathan is a member of our youth and Young Adult Council and faithfully attends meetings and volunteers to attend and assist with projects planned by the council. He has helped with safety presentations at our Neighborhood Preparedness Fair, Safe

Kids Safety Town at John S. Knight Center for the JCC Kids Fair, and at the Water Safety Day at Akron the Aeros game.

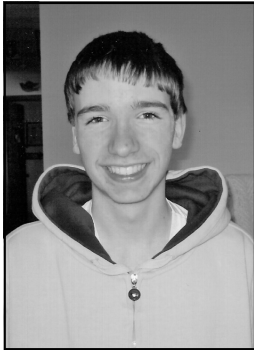
Nathan is always willing to give to people, help people when needed, teach safety and prevention skills, and provide support to the American Red Cross.

Nathan has an extraordinarily positive attitude and can be counted on to attend all meetings and the majority of our events. He has a heart for others and is a great example of an excellent youth volunteer.

Submitted by Diane Baldrige, Youth and Young Adult Service Specialist
American Red Cross, Summit County Chapter



2007 Nominated Volunteers



Jessie Artino

Community Pregnancy Center

105 + hours

Jessie helps clients with baby items, lifting heavy items, loading cars and cleaning offices. He does anything we ask of him.

Jesse's volunteering blesses the clients that come to the Community Pregnancy Center by showing them respect. He is a good example to young men who come for help.

Jesse is always on time, works steadily and is willing to assist in all areas. He is always extra helpful to our pregnant clients.

Submitted by Pat Shea
Director, Community Pregnancy Center



Carl Corall

Summit County Historical Society

24 hours

Carl helped SCHS this year by volunteering at the Akron History Exhibit at Lock 3, organizing and boxing artifacts at the Perkins Stone Mansion, and welcoming guests for our annual fundraiser, Rubber City Road Rally. Carl has excellent communication skills and has a great command of not only Akron history, but Civil War history as well.

Carl helps an organization that has a small staff. His time and energy allows SCHS to accomplish more tasks. At the Akron History Exhibit, he assisted The Marble Guy, Michael Cohill, telling the story of Akron and its industrial history along with the fun side – playing marbles.

Carl has an excellent work ethic, and he is always willing to help when asked. Carl makes history come to life in his presentations, and adults are amazed at his knowledge of local and national history. SCHS wants to continue to encourage Carl to follow his passion for history, and we hope that recognizing his volunteer efforts will help him as he plans for the future.



Stephanie Forte
Barberton Citizen's Hospital
Student Volunteer
108.5 hours



Stephanie volunteers in Transport Services where she takes specimens to the lab, picks up medication from the pharmacy and discharges patients.

There are only certain jobs that can be done by a Transport employee. By Stephanie being in Transport Services to do discharging of patients and taking specimens to the Lab, she is able to help employees.

Stephanie has been a Barberton Citizens Hospital volunteer since June 2005 and has accumulated 205 hours of volunteer service. She is a very dedicated volunteer and is kind to everyone

Submitted by Patricia Mills, Volunteer Director, Barberton Citizens Hospital



Shasa'Rae Johnson
Christian Fellowship Basketball League
62 hours

Shasa'Rae wears many hats for the Christian Fellowship Basketball League (CFBL). She works at the concession stand on Saturdays and at the scorer's table, where she records stats and runs the time clock. On Sunday's she's at it again from 3pm – 7pm. Shasa'Rae is also helping out mentoring and being mentored in Little Ladies of Worship Ministries. Shasa'Rae also praise dances when we have programs.

Shasa'Rae's volunteering allows and helps CFBL staff to concentrate and focus on its main goal of keeping every child out of harms way, by placing them in a productive and safe environment, while directing them to an independent future.

Shasa'Rae has not missed a basketball heat. For everything we ask or need her to do, she always makes herself available. She's always cheerful, helpful and polite. Having Shasa'Rae around brings the best out in our volunteer staff. She sets a great example.



Submitted by Pastor Kevin Strickland,
President/Founder, Christian Fellowship Basketball League

Taneka Nicole Lewis

Open M

20 +hours

Taneka is a hardworking young lady involved in lots of school activities at Hoban. She volunteers in our after school tutoring and sports program at least twice a week. Taneka loves the children and is a wonderful role model. She is very good in sports and encourages the children to do their best in whatever they attempt to accomplish.

Taneka is committed to helping the children. She shows her love for them and has initiative to help each individual become better at sports, and work harder at improving grades. We always look forward to working with her. She is a real joy to the Open M Family.

Taneka loves basketball and hopes to become famous so she can give back to her community. Taneka is very shy however, but forgets all about it when it comes to the children. We appreciate all of her hard work.

Submitted By David Wilson, Manager, Volunteer Services,
Summa Health System, Saint Thomas Hospital



Matthew Markwald

Barberton Citizens Hospital

109.5 hours



Matthew volunteers in Transport Services. His duties include discharging patients, picking up medication from the pharmacy and taking specimens to the lab.

Matthew volunteers on Sunday afternoons and is able to help with Transport Services employees by picking up medication from the pharmacy, discharging patients and taking specimens to the lab.

Matthew is very good about coming in on Sunday afternoons to volunteer. He has been a Barberton Citizens Hospital Volunteer since August 2005 and has accumulated 167 hours of volunteer service. We appreciate all of his help.

Submitted by Pat Mills, Volunteer Director
Barberton Citizens Hospital

Kaley Pedulla

ACCESS

53 hours

Kaley is an all-purpose volunteer who assists the staff/residents at ACCESS in a variety of ways. She has volunteered as a tutor in our after school program. In that role, she assisted youth with homework and served as a positive role model. Kaley also provides child care assistance. She's served as a field trip aide and helps with children's activities. At Christmas, Kaley and her parents helped our staff prepare by wrapping gifts.

Kaley plays a vital role at ACCESS by helping to enhance the educational achievement and overall well-being of the homeless children that reside in our emergency shelter. Even with a busy schedule full of academics and sports, Kaley is a reliable volunteer. She is always helpful and cheery – an absolute pleasure to work alongside. Perhaps most important, Kaley has a special rapport with the children at our shelter. The kids really look forward to her next visit.

Submitted by Erin Rodabaugh, Volunteer Coordinator, ACCESS



April Porter

Girl Scouts of the Western Reserve #484

105 hours



April's Silver Award Nature Center project will benefit girls from Summit and Medina counties. It is available to troops at camp without appointment. April and Lara Schoeffler worked cooperatively, enthusiastically, and conscientiously to complete their project.

April's volunteering includes:

- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Polar Express elf both at the North Pole and working with families on the train (2 years)
- Teaching Sunday School (2 years)
- Student Council

April is also an honor student, part of the Teen Institute at Nordon High School, and a varsity tennis player.

Submitted by Anne Farley Schoeffler, Troop Leader,
Nordon Hills District Coordinator

Molly Saks

American Diabetes Association

75 hours



Molly helped with data entry, assisted with mailings, updated our lists, and handled whatever task we gave her with very little guidance.

Molly turned out to be such an asset to our office during this past summer. She volunteered a total of 75 hours doing whatever was needed and always with a smile and complete competency.

Molly is an active student at Firestone High School and is involved with the French Club and the Mock Trail team. She currently works part time at a local bakery. We hope she will have time to volunteer next summer with our organization.

Submitted by Linda Howard,
Coordinator of Northeast Ohio Office, American Diabetes Association



Lara Schoeffler

Girl Scouts of the Western Reserve #484

127 hours



Lara's Award Nature Center project will benefit girls from Summit and Medina counties. It is available to troops at camp without appointment. Lara and April Porter worked cooperatively, enthusiastically, and conscientiously to complete their project.

Lara's volunteer include:

- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Polar Express elf both at the North Pole and working with families on the train (2nd year)
- Teaching Sunday School (3rd year)
- Student Council

Lara has a 4.0 GPA, participates in the exploring program @ NASA, and runs track.

Submitted by Anne Farley Schoeffler, Troop Leader,
Nordon Hills District Coordinator

Natasha Schovanne Towns

Open M

36+ hours



Natasha is a Youth Group Leader for our OPEN M Diamond Ladies Club. She assist pre-teen females age 12-15 in our life skills workshops held every Friday.

When Natasha leads the group, it allows the Education Coordinator an opportunity to meet one-o- one with each young lady, allowing her to be able to share any problems or concerns. Sometimes the girls sit and talk with Natasha about their problems. They look forward to seeing her every week.

She is a busy high school senior involved in many activities. She is a co-cheerleading captain for Firestone, on Student Council, an office worker and much more. She has practice and meetings every Friday before and after our sessions, but she always attends every session at OPEN M and at her other engagements.

Natasha, despite her cheerleading schedule, student council, office work, etc. schedule, she is determined to be involved with us. Natasha is not required to complete any service hours. She just loves the girls, and they can definitely relate to her on many instances.

Submitted by Felicia Bonner, Education Coordinator
Open M

Austin Zedak

Battered Women's Shelter

28 hours



Austin has assisted with donations and special projects for the last three years and gives up some of his Christmas vacation every year to ensure that the children residing in our shelters have Christmas gifts under the tree. He sorts, carries, organizes, wraps, and cheerfully performs a multitude of tasks during the holiday season.

Christmas is our busiest time of year and Austin's help truly makes a difference.

He cheerfully gives up holiday and summer vacation time to assist others.



Submitted by Jeannette Phillips, Volunteer Coordinator
Battered Women's Shelter

2007 Nominated Groups

Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

**Joel Clark
Josh Ferry
Anna James
Amanda Morrow**

**Cassie Nickol
Mike Redovian
Emma Reeves
Megan Woofter**

Manchester High School Food Drive Committee for National Honor Society 80 hours total

The Manchester High School student volunteers are vital to Harvest For Hunger. This Campaign is a 19-county food and funds drive coordinated locally by the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. These students raise food and funds to benefit those in need in our area. Within the last two years, their collection equaled 7,881 meals.

These Manchester High School students are one of our top school donors! Time and again, they manage to participate in this drive during challenging times in the school year. Many times they must contend with scheduling, tests, and Spring Break.

Submitted by Cynthia Humphrey, Volunteer Coordinator
Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank



Boys and Girls Club of Summit County

**Dartaysha Amos
Mario Anderson
Christian Bowie
Edward Hailstock
Jacquie Hailstock**

**Darlena Philpott
Chac'La Shelton
Cordell Turneur
Javad Wallace
Teayshe Woolridge**

Summit Key Club 20+ hours total

The Summit Keystone Club is a chartered leadership and service club for older members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Summit County. The group strives to provide service to the club and community.

The Summit Keystone Club benefits the community and our organization throughout the year. The members have helped with peer tutoring at our Barrett Unit, raised money for cancer patients at Akron General, held a food drive for the Akron Canton Foodbank, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, worked/volunteered at local soup kitchen, and created coloring books for Children's Hospital.

The Summit Keystone Club is able to help others and see the importance of giving back to the community. This is something few young people today are willing to do, and we feel that all should be recognized for their ability to help others.



Submitted by Chris Travers, Director of Operations
Boys and Girls Club of Summit County



Williard Food Pantry

**Noah Beach
Michelle Beeson
Ariel Davis
Joe Fallucco
Samantha Fallucco
Jessica Hariharan**

**Hayley Hineline
Ally Kaufman
Tori Kuiwicki
Kenzie Nothnagel
Zack McGraw
Allison Pace**

**Gina Pace
Jamie Pace
Matt Phister
Allison Rowe
Denise Sheppard**

540 hours

The Williard Food Pantry youth volunteers help unload trucks of food from Akron Canton Food Bank. They stock shelves, pack orders for clients and take orders out. These young people also repack meats and soap and anything that is in large units so they can be handed out to clients.

Submitted by Charles Doron, Director of Operations
Williard Food Pantry



National & Global Youth Service Day Gift Bag Contributors

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Office of James B. McCarthy
Summit County Executive

U.S. Bank



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Akron Summit Community Action/YouthBuild

Sabrina Walton
Service Director's Office
City of Akron

Vanessa Drone
P.A.T.H. Akron Children's Hospital

Tina Wells
U.S. Bank

Greg Ferrence
U.S. Bank





Proclamation

To The People of Akron:

Whereas: Our future as a community lay in the hands of those who will be the leaders in this the 21st century. The leaders of tomorrow are the young people of today. It is our duty as citizens, parents, teachers, clergy, and youth organizations to further develop the leadership skills and to instill the proper attitude among the young people of our community, and to provide them with good examples, environments and opportunities; and

Whereas: The City of Akron is pleased to join the 19th Annual Celebration of National & Global Youth Service Day in partnership with Parade Magazine and many national organizations; and

Whereas: Among the national partners are the United States Conference of Mayors, Points of Light Foundation, National League of Cities, YMCA & YWCA of the USA, Boys and Girls Clubs, the American Red Cross, Youth Volunteers of America, American Federation of Teachers. The sponsors are State Farm Companies Foundation, General Motors Corporation Department of Justice and Disney; and

Whereas: The Annual National & Global Youth Service Day will bring together three million youth volunteers to serve their communities through thousands of service projects. Akron is proud of the 100 volunteers that are being recognized this evening.

Now, Therefore: I, Donald L. Plusquellic, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 24, 2007, as:

"NATIONAL & GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY"

in the City of Akron with special thanks to our local sponsor U.S. Bank, Regional President Greg Ferrence and District Manager Della McCormick, and I continue to encourage our citizenry to participate in the festivities on this great day and urge all area youth to become involved in their cities to help build a brighter tomorrow.

In Witness Whereof: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Akron to be affixed hereto this 18th day of April, 2007.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Plusquellic", written in a cursive style.

Mayor
City of Akron